APRIL/MAY 2023

DEN42 — SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

1. What is the metaphor in *Sonnet 12?*

2. List out the poetic techniques used in *Sonnet 86.*

3. Does Othello meet the standards of a Tragic Hero?

4. What are the factors that impact the relationship between Othello and Desdemona?

5. "Wife, mother, child I know not." Explain.

6. Which is the important speech in Coriolanus? Why?

7. List out the themes of *Henry IV Part 1.*

8. Who is the hero of the comedic sub plot in *Henry IV Part I?*

9. Mention any two modern approaches to Shakespeare.

10. Explain archetypal approach.

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Why are both Benedick and Beatrice opposed to marriage?

Or

(b) Why does Claudio call off the wedding?

12. (a) Does Iago hate Othello? Substantiate.

Or

(b) Define negativism in "Othello" by William Shakespeare.

13. (a) Who are the protagonist and the antagonist of the play *Coriolanus*.

Or

(b) What is the major conflict of the play *Coriolanus?*

14. (a) Discuss the leadership abilities of Hotspur.

Or

(b) Falstaff is one of the most talked about characters in literary history. What makes his character so appealing?

15. (a) Discuss A. C. Bradley as a critic of Shakespeare.

Or

(b) Shakespeare is, and always was political. Do you agree?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. What kind of Sonnet is *Sonnet 130?* Analyse in detail.

17. Women and Men in "Othello"; "what should such a fool/Do with so good a woman"?

18. *Coriolanus* is a tragedy. Justify.

19. "What is honour? a word. What is in that word honour? what is that honour? air. A trim reckoning! Who hath it? he that died o' Wednesday. Doth he feel it? no. Doth he hear it? no." Who said these words? Explain its significance.

20. Macbeth is a vision of evil. Discuss the views of Wilson Knight.

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